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Applicant: Holger BIRK, et al.

Title: ARRANGEMENT FOR EXAMINING MICROSCOPIC PREPARATIONS WITH A SCANNING MICROSCOPE, AND ILLUMINATION DEVICE FOR A SCANNING MICROSCOPE

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated February 5, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please amend claims 7 and 17 as shown by the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended.

7. (Amended) The scanning microscope as defined in Claim 6, wherein the means for attenuating comprises at least one of a spectrally selective filter, a dichroic filter, an acoustooptical tunable filter (AOTF), acoustooptical deflector (AOD), and an LCD attenuator.

17. (Amended) The confocal scanning microscope as defined in Claim 16, wherein the means for attenuating comprises at least one of a spectrally selective filter, a dichroic filter, an acoustooptical tunable filter (AOTF), acoustooptical deflector (AOD), and an LCD attenuator.